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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of September 4, 1998. Kindly revise the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly revise the claims as follows:

18. (amended)

The composite article of claim 17, wherein said metal foam has a gradation

of [pores] pore sizes in at least one direction along the metal foam.

20. (amended) A laminate comprising a [plurality] stack of sheets according to claim 19 bonded together.